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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the official action mailed September 28, 2005 and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 28, 2005.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin of page 7 of this paper.